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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT

FEBRUARY 20. FOR IOP/M. TODAY'S MORNING PAPERS CONTINUED TO GIVE PROMINENT INTERIOR PAGE COVERAGE TO KISSINGER'S TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA BASED UPON COMMERCIAL WIRE SERVICES. LA PRENSA GRAFICA INSERTED A RUETERS ITEM HEADED "PERU CONSIDERS POSITIVE KISSNGER'S VISIT" AND QUOTED THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS AFFIRMING THE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT'S TOP-OVER IN LIMA WOULD SERVE TO IMPROVE SUBSTANTIALY THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ANDEAN COUNTRY AND THE U.S. IT ALSO ADDED MR. KISSINGER HAD LEFT SATISFIED WITH HIS "VERY COMPLETE AND VERY CORDIAL TALKS" WITH PERUVIAN MILITARY LEADERS.

THE PAPER FURTHER PICKED UP A UPI SOTRY QUOTING MR. KISSINGER AS SAYING ON HIS ARRIVALIN BRASILIA THAT "BRAZIL HAD BECOME NOT ONLY A VERY IMPORTANT COUNTRY BUT THAT IT WAS EMERGING AS A NEW WORLD POWER." THE STORY STRESSED THE "UNIQUE AGREEMENT" SIGNED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES WHEREBY THE U.S. WILL CONSULT WITH BRAZIL ON WORLD POLITICS IN THE FUTURE.

EL DIARIO DE HOY CARRIED INSIDE AN AP ITEM SUBSTANTIALY REPEATING THE ABOVE UPI STORY, BUT ADDING THAT THE U.S. HAD PLACED BRAZIL ON THE SAME FOOTING AS JAPAN BECAUSE OF ITS EMERGENCE AS A NEW WORLD POWER. IT ALSO REPORTED ON MR. KISSINGER'S PLEDGE TO PROVIDE AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW FOR BRAZILIAN INDUSTRIALIZATION.

EL DAIRO DE HOY ALSO CARRIED TWO INTERIOR ACAN-EFE STORIES, ONE COMMENTING ON MR.KISSINGER'S FAILURE TO GET TOGETHER THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS AS AN EXAMPLE OF HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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WANING INFLUENCE. THE SECOND STORY REPORTED PRESIDENT SOMOZA

HAD ANNOUNCED HE WOULD NOT ATTEND THE SAN JOSE TALKS.
YESTERDAY'S AFTERNOON PAPERS CARRIED THE SAME COMMERCIAL SERVICE
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